

2 Thessalonians 2:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Analysis

Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ—**Whereunto** connects election (v. 13) to calling. God **called you** (ekalesen, ἐκάλεσεν, summoned/invited) **by our gospel** (dia tou euangeliou hēmōn, διὰ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου ἡμῶν)—through apostolic preaching. Election becomes effective through gospel proclamation.

The purpose: **obtaining of the glory** (peripoiēsin doxēs, περιποίησιν δόξης, acquisition/possession of glory) **of our Lord Jesus Christ**. Believers will share Christ's glory (Rom. 8:17, Col. 3:4). Election → calling → faith → sanctification → glorification: the golden chain of salvation (Rom. 8:29-30). Every link is grace.

Historical Context

The gospel Paul preached wasn't motivational speaking but divine summons. When proclaimed, God's Spirit effectually calls the elect, granting repentance and faith. This 'irresistible grace' doesn't violate will but transforms it, making the unwilling willing to believe.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing the gospel as God's call change how you preach or share it?
2. What does it mean to 'obtain the glory of Christ'—how will you share His splendor?
3. How should the certainty of glorification affect your endurance of present suffering?

Interlinear Text

εἰς ὃ ἐκάλεσεν ὑμᾶς διὰ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου ἡμῶν
Whereunto G3739 **he called** G2564 **you** G5209 **by** G1223 G3588 **gospel** G2098 **of our** G2257

εἰς περιποίησιν δόξης τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ
Whereunto G1519 **the obtaining** G4047 **of the glory** G1391 G3588 **Lord** G2962 **of our** G2257 **Jesus** G2424

Χριστοῦ

Christ
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Additional Cross-References

1 Thessalonians 2:12 (Glory): That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

1 Peter 5:10 (Glory): But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

1 Thessalonians 1:5 (Parallel theme): For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

Romans 8:17 (Glory): And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Revelation 3:21 (Parallel theme): To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Psalms 16:11 (Parallel theme): Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Ephesians 1:18 (Glory): The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Romans 2:16 (References Jesus): In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

Romans 16:25 (References Jesus): Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

Matthew 25:21 (References Lord): His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.